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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6016th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning Iraq

   Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1830 (2008) (S/2008/688)

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m. . . . . 1652nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held *today*, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

The sessions will be co-chaired by the Co-Facilitators, H.E. Mr. Maged A. Abdelaziz (Egypt) and H.E. Mr. Johan L. Løvald (Norway). The compilations and Facilitators' proposals are available on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office. For further information, including background materials, please consult that site <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/>.

The announcement concerning the Conference and its proposed organization of work appears on page 19.

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General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on a summit in 2010 on the Millennium Development Goals will be held *today*, 14 November 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 November 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Maintenance of international peace and security: Strengthening collective security through general regulation and reduction of armaments". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from *today*, 14 November 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

General Assembly
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Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by Her Excellency Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
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The President of the Republic of Bolivia, His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, will address the General Assembly, on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. *Member States are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.*

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments)

2–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 8

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

Omnibus (A/63/282 and A/63/132)

Contracts (A/63/298)

Composition (A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1 and A/C.5/62/L.9)

Disciplinary cases (A/63/202, A/62/186 and A/61/206)

Sexual exploitation and abuse (A/62/890 and A/61/957)

Mobility (A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806 and A/61/806/Add.1)

Regulations (A/63/189, A/62/185 and A/61/1029)

Recruitment and staffing (A/63/285 and A/61/822)

Ethics Office (A/63/301 and A/62/285)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1 and A/61/283)

Joint Inspection Unit (A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707 and A/62/707/Add.1)

Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/221)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X) and A/63/526)

Views of staff representatives of the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add,1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 117 and 128 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Investigations/ Procurement Task Force; and Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/63/331, A/63/369, A/63/492, A/63/167, A/63/167/Add.1, A/63/329, A/63/329/Add.1, A/63/490, A/63/328 (Section III, Part C), A/63/302 (Part I), A/63/302/(Part I)/Add.1, A/63/302 (Part I)/Add.2 and A/63/328 (Section III, Parts A, B and C))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 26th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/63/26) . . . . . [150]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.18

Administration of justice at the United Nations . . . . . [129]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/63/L.9

Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission . . . . [73]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.10

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [72]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.14

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its forty-first session . . . . . [74]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/63/L.4, A/C.6/63/L.5 and A/C.6/63/L.6

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives . . . . . [77]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.12

Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea in the General Assembly . . . . . [156]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.13

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its sixtieth session . [75]

Introduction of and action on draft resolutions A/C.6/63/L.20 (and an amendment thereto A/C.6/63/L.22) and A/C.6/63/L.21

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts . . . . . [76]

*Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.15**

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [78]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.19

The rule of law at the national and international levels . . . . . [79]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.17

Measures to eliminate international terrorism . . . . . [99]

Introduction of and action on draft resolution A/C.6/63/L.11 (A/C.6/63/L.11, in Arabic and French only)*

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

Introduction of and action on draft decision A/C.6/63/L.16

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

Election of the officers of the Main Committees . . . . . [5]

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

2. Revised estimates related to the Rule of Law Unit

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on "HIV/AIDS and peacekeeping" *today*, 14 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board
Informal briefing

The Executive Board of UNICEF will hold an informal briefing on the UNICEF accountability system *today*, 14 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 14 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/63/L.8, entitled "Security and climate change" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of Tonga and the delegations of the Pacific Small Island Developing States)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution A/63/L.22*, entitled "The world financial and economic crisis and its consequences" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority (under agenda item 155) (convened by the delegation of the Congo)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (under agenda item 49 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Kenya)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International financial system and development" (under agenda item 47 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption" (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (under agenda item 49 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Barbados)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Third Committee

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3, entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities" (under agenda item 55 (e)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (under agenda item 62 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-1527A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (under agenda item 64 (b)) (Third Committee) (convened by the delegation of Cuba, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly" (under agenda item 56 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Armenia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C-209B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal consultations of the draft resolution on the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (under agenda item 62 (a)) (convened by the delegations of Belgium and Slovenia)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Other meetings

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Friday, 14 November 2008

Group of 77 (on the draft omnibus resolution on the law of the sea)

9.15–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Arab Group (First Committee experts)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other activities

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Friday, 14 November 2008

Panel discussion on "Access to essential medicines for children with diabetes in the developing world" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh and sponsored by the International Diabetes Federation, on the occasion of World Diabetes Day)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Abdul Alim, Permanent Mission of Bangladesh (tel. 1 (212) 867-3434, ext. 210 or 218; fax 1 (212) 972-4038; e-mail alim@un.int).]

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Ms. Patience Ozokwo, Nigerian film producer; and actors, Ini Edo, Zack Orji and Regina Askia (on the film entitled "Deeper than sex", which promotes awareness of health issues such as HIV and AIDS) [sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria]

Guest 12 noon — Mr. Staffan de Mistura, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Iraq (following the meeting of the Security Council on the situation concerning Iraq)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 17 November 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 51st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolutions (A/63/L.8, A/63/L.22, A/63/L.25 and A/63/L.27) . . . . . [107]

   Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/63/L.28) . . . . . [44]

   Strengthening of the United Nations system . . . . . [112]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/125)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/140 and A/63/140/Add.1)

   Joint debate

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 70 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Monday, 17 November, in Conference Room 8; Tuesday, 18 November, in Conference Room 7; and from Wednesday, 19, to Friday, 21 November 2008, in Conference Room 8.

[*Note*: A briefing on the "Assessment of assessments"– the preparatory stage towards the establishment of a regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, with presentations by two members of the Group of Experts, will be held on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Main Committees

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its next formal meeting on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted, *as soon as possible*, to Ms. Jennifer De Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Reservation of rooms for informal "informal" consultations

Delegations wishing to reserve rooms and schedule informal "informal" consultations are requested to contact, *no later than 6 p.m. of the day before the meeting*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (917) 367-2603; or e-mail thompsonm@un.org)).

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on "Advanced (surveillance) technology project" on Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 2nd meeting on Monday, 17 November 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Open-ended Working Group (tel. 1(212) 963-4389).

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, at expert level, are kindly requested to contact by *Friday, 5 December*, the secretariat of the Permanent Forum (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). The documents for the meeting are available at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187), drafting sessions on the draft outcome document for the Doha Review Conference (A/CONF.212/CRP.1) will be held in November 2008. The schedule of meetings and the draft outcome document are posted on the Web site of the Financing for Development Office <www.un.org/esa/ffd>.

All accredited stakeholders are invited to attend the drafting sessions; although only representatives of Governments and of the three major institutional stakeholders will be permitted to participate in the discussion, following the practice used in the preparatory phase for the Monterrey Conference.

In keeping with previous practice, stakeholders are welcome to make available in writing any contributions they deem appropriate, which should be addressed to the Co-Facilitators, with a copy to the Financing for Development Office, indicating their wish to have them posted on the Financing for Development Web site.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference" (under agenda item 114 (r)) (convened by the delegation of Uganda, in its capacity as Chair of the OIC Group)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (under agenda item 52 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Belgium)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770;

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770; and

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room S-770.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the international cooperation to reduce the impact of El Niño phenomenon (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Mexico)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (under agenda item 49 (d)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries (under agenda item 51) (convened by the delegation of Spain)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (under agenda item 50) (convened by the delegation of Italy)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) (under agenda item 53 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Afghanistan)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (under agenda item 49 (g)) (convened by the delegation of Germany)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (under agenda item 49 (e)) (convened by the delegation of Lebanon)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2;

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Monday, 24 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on information and communication technologies for development (under agenda item 46) (convened by the delegation of Argentina)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the Convention on Biological Diversity (under agenda item 49 (f)) (convened by the delegation of Portugal)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B;

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Ireland)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (under agenda item 53) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on operational activities for development (under agenda item 54) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption (under agenda item 51 (d)) (convened by the delegation of the Philippines)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation" (under agenda item 52 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Japan)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a new international economic order" (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee (Guyana))

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 11.30 to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 49 (c)) (convened by the delegation of Switzerland)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room B; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Third Committee

Informal consultations on Programme 19 (under agenda item 119) (convened by the delegations of Morocco and Switzerland)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion and belief (under agenda item 64 (b)) (convened by the delegation of France)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (under agenda item 60 (a)) (convened by the delegations of France and Uruguay)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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United Nations Development Programme (meeting in the process of consultation with Member States on the *Human Development Reports 2008 and 2009*) (open to all interested delegations)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;

Tuesday and Wednesday, 18 and 19 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail falls@un.org).]

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Seventh Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

[Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations staff are invited to attend. For information, please contact Ms. Hania Zlotnik, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; e-mail migrationp@un.org).]

Group of Eastern European States (at the expert level)

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Forthcoming other events

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Briefing on "United States policy responses to the financial crisis and the outcomes of the 15 November Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy" (organized by the United States Mission and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Monday, 17 November 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All Permanent Representatives or their delegates are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Lisa Kalajian, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4075; e-mail kalajianl@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on financing development in the least developed countries (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS))

Tuesday, 18 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Borchers, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (917) 367-4284; or e-mail borchers@un.org).]

Forum on "Achieving our targets: Stemming the tide of malaria in Africa" (organized by the United States Mission)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

Panel discussion on "Progress in implementing One United Nations reform: Political challenges, parliamentary perspectives" (organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08/191108.pdf>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Panel discussion on "Choosing our future: Investing in people or spending on weapons?" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 19 November 2008, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Villalobos, Permanent Mission of Costa Rica (tel. 1 (212) 986-6373, ext. 16; e-mail villalobos.anacr@gmail.com).]

2008 Parliamentary Hearing on "Towards effective peacekeeping and the prevention of conflict — Delivering on our commitments" (jointly organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Office of the President of the General Assembly)

Thursday, 20, and Friday, 21 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. The full program is available at <www.ipu.org/splz-e/unga08.htm>. For further information, contact Mr. Alessandro Motter or Ms. Marina Garde, Office of the Permanent Observer of the IPU (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

Fifth meeting of the "Friends of Human Security" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Japan and Mexico, in cooperation with the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carly Cohen, Permanent Mission of Japan (tel. 1 (212) 521-1571; e-mail carly-cohen@un-japan.org).]

Panel discussion on "The irreversible trend of living in an urbanized world: Health matters" (organized by the World Health Organization and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs)

Thursday, 20 November 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Olga Bailey, WHO Office at the United Nations (tel. 1 (212) 963-4388; e-mail baileyo@un.org).]

Briefing by the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on the work of the Terrorism Prevention Branch of UNODC

Friday, 21 November 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mrs. Allison Torbet, UNODC New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5698; e-mail torbet@un.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre, annexed to the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org).

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established. The inscription of non-State entities for participation in the round tables is *now open* until Monday, 17 November, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Non-state entities wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the Financing for Development Office (room DC2-2146; tel. 1 (212) 963-4755; fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail buencamino@un.org).

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with Rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430).

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations are kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921), until Monday, 17 November 2008. As of Monday, 24 November 2008, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials should be submitted for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The note by the Secretary-General on the proposed organization of work of the Conference (A/63/345) outlines provisional rules of procedure, provisional agenda and proposed timetable of meetings.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *every day* until Wednesday, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Launch of the new Web site of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of its newly revamped and improved Web site <www.un.org/disarmament>. For further information, please e-mail UNODA-web@un.org.

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 13 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

48th plenary meeting

Culture of peace . . . . . [45]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/262)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/63/127)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.23 and A/63/L.24/Rev.1)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 45.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Hermann Groehe, Minister of State and Special Envoy of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, H.E. Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Eryani, former Prime Minister and Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Yemen, H.E. Mr. Theodoros Kassimis, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, H.E. Mr. Miguel Abdón Saguier, Senator and Member of the Commission of External Relations and International Affairs of Paraguay, and H.E. Mr. Masahiko Koumura, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Japan.

Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

H.E. Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, addressed the General Assembly.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, and H.E. Mr. Francisco Javier Rojo, President of the Senate of Spain, and by the representatives of Brazil, Tunisia, China, Canada, Cuba, the Sudan, Indonesia, Norway, Portugal, the Gambia, the Russian Federation and Senegal.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 of the thirtieth session of 10 October 1975, the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

49th–50th plenary meetings

The summary of the 49th and 50th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/224).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

17th meeting

Human resources management . . . . . [123]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management read out a statement, on behalf of the Deputy-Secretary-General.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management then introduced the reports of the Secretary-General and the comments of the Secretary-General on the relevant reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283 and A/62/707/Add.1).

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Field Support made a statement.

The Director of the Ethics Office introduced the reports on the activities of that Office (A/63/301 and A/62/285).

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/63/221).

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit introduced, via video-conferencing, the reports of the Unit (A/61/694, A/61/806, A/62/628, A/62/707and A/62/845).

The Senior Adviser on Information Management Policy Coordination of the Secretariat of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination introduced the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination on the Joint Inspection Unit reports (A/61/694/Add.1 and A/62/628/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/62/7/Add.14 and A/63/526).

The Chairman of the Committee drew the attention of the Committee to a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the views of the staff representatives of the United Nations Secretariat (A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2).

The President of the Staff Union of the United Nations Secretariat and the Vice-President of the Staff-Management Coordination Committee made statements.

The Committee began its general discussion of this item and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries of Croatia, Turkey and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group), New Zealand (on behalf of Canada, Australia and New Zealand), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) and Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group).

Corrigendum

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 39th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2008/221, p. 27): The second paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.8/Rev.1" *should read as follows:*

The representative of Mexico made a statement and announced that Antigua and Barbuda, the Dominican Republic, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, *Slovakia*, the Sudan, *Sweden* and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (12 November 2008)[1]

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court. New York, 9 September 2002

Accession: Botswana (13 November 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Approval: European Community (12 November 2008)[1]

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Approval: European Community (12 November 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 13 November 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/346/Add.5	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council: United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/384	Item 84 — Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/386	Item 86 — Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/388	Item 88 — Prevention of an arms race in outer space — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/393	Item 93 — Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/397	Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
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